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Chapter I
Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

Recommendations of the Permanent Forum
Future work

1. In establishing indicators, the focus should be on the vision and world view of indigenous peoples, based on collective rights, such as those to identity, land, territory, traditional knowledge, free, prior and informed consent and women's participation in local, national and international decision-making processes.

2. The Permanent Forum welcomes the participation of United Nations and indigenous experts in the panel discussion on the proposed indigenous peoples development index. In particular, the Forum notes the work of United Nations agencies and indigenous experts in developing indicators, such as on cultural integrity, status and trends in relation to land tenure, traditional knowledge and food security, and the Indigenous Navigator project as positive initiatives towards the development of such an index.

3. The Permanent Forum intends to make the formulation of an indigenous peoples development index, based on the rights affirmed in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and international human rights instruments, a recurring part of its agenda.

4. The Permanent Forum recommends that the United Nations Development Programme, especially its Human Development Report Office, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat assist the Forum in developing an indigenous peoples development index, building on existing

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initiatives by indigenous peoples and United Nations agencies, and report thereon to the Forum at its fifteenth session.

5. The Permanent Forum recommends that the Statistics Division actively engage with indigenous peoples in developed countries and, in particular, developing countries, including indigenous women, indigenous young people and indigenous people with disabilities, in developing key indicators on indigenous peoples, including for data disaggregation, to be included in the overall indicators for the post-2015 development agenda to be adopted in March 2016.

6. The Permanent Forum calls upon States Members of the United Nations to recognize indigenous peoples, where they exist, consistent with the provisions of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, in their legislation in order to gather statistical data thereon, especially in the area of allocation of land and other natural resources for traditional use.

7. The reform of the methods of work of the Permanent Forum was considered under agenda item 8, "Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues of the Economic and Social Council and emerging issues". Within the scope of resolution 2000/22 of the Economic and Social Council, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, the Forum reform initiative is intended to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the Forum and its interaction with its secretariat. A wide range of matters must be addressed, in particular the need to reduce the number of recommendations while strengthening the follow-up to and implementation of outstanding recommendations, an issue that was underscored by both member States and indigenous peoples. The expert members of the Forum were encouraged by several constructive statements and detailed suggestions made by member States and representatives of indigenous peoples on the subject. The Forum will remain seized of the reform process and discuss the matter, in a transparent and accountable manner, at future sessions.

8. The Permanent Forum recommends that the Commission on the Status of Women consider the empowerment of indigenous women as a priority theme of its sixty-first session, in 2017, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.